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New Orleans Official Vows Arrests Will Be Made

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18 (AP)--District Attorney Jim Garrison said today that the assassination of President Kennedy was the culmination of a plot developed in New Orleans. He added: "Arrests will be made."

"There were other people besides Lee Harvey Oswald involved," the prosecution said in an interview. "New Orleans was a factor in the planning beyond a shadow of doubt."

Mr. Garrison said an investigation by his office showed that the Warren Commission's report was inaccurate in stating that Oswald had acted alone in the assassination of Mr. Kennedy four years ago.

"We already have the names of the people in the initial planning," Mr. Garrison said. "We are not wasting our time and we will prove it. Arrests will be made. Charges will be filed and convictions will be obtained."

Mr. Garrison said his office had jurisdiction in the case because of a Louisiana law "which forbids conspiracy of any kind."

Asked why he started the investigation, Mr. Garrison replied:

"Last November I began looking into the question because Oswald had spent six months in New Orleans shortly before the assassination.

"I went through the 26 volumes of the Warren report and there were some questions raised. As a result, I began the investigation. The investigation led to new leads, which we followed out, and other leads were uncovered."

The first disclosure of the investigation came yesterday in a copyrighted story by The New Orleans States-Item.

"We were making good progress until the publicity," Mr. Garrison said.

He said the Warren Commission was "composed of the highest type of men" but it "did not have sufficient evaluation machinery."

At an earlier news conference, he said his investigators had uncovered facts that "are interesting."

He said that the life of a prisoner in the Orleans Parish jail was now possibly in jeopardy as a result of the publicity given the investigations. He did not name the prisoner.

At the news conference, Mr. Garrison was asked if he felt a new Federal inquiry should be opened. He replied: "There should be several concurrent investigations, and the important thing is that the evidence should be evaluated."